COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF WINCHESTER)
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES FOR APPROVAL OF) CASE NO
THE COLLECTION OF SYSTEM) 96-616
DEVELOPMENT CHARGES)

ORDER

The Winchester Municipal Utilities ("Winchester") has submitted an application for approval of the collection of system development charges. These charges are to be paid by the developer or owner of each establishment to be served by Winchester, or its wholesale customers, which involves a zone change, or subdivision resulting in additional water or wastewater system demand, or which involves an extension of said water or wastewater system. Winchester proposes that these charges be placed in effect January 1, 1997. East Clark County Water District ("East Clark") has moved that a formal case be instituted in this matter, that it be granted full intervention in the proceeding regarding Winchester's proposed system development charges, and for suspension of those charges.

Having considered the proposed system development charges and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further proceedings are necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed charges.

The Commission further finds that East Clark has a special interest in this proceeding which is not otherwise adequately represented and that its intervention is likely to present issues or to develop facts that assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Winchester's proposed system development charges are suspended for five months from January 1, 1997 to June 1, 1997.
 - 2. The motion of East Clark for leave to intervene in this matter is granted.
- 3. East Clark shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence and all other documents submitted by the parties after the date of this Order.
- If East Clark shall file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, it shall also serve a copy of said document on all other parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of December, 1996.

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ATTEST:

Executive Director